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I. Scholarships and Fellowships**\$10,000 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP - OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY, SAN ANTONIO, TX**

Hello EducationUSA:

Our Lady of the Lake University offers undergraduate scholarships based on the current grade point average [GPA] to new international freshman and transfer students.

The Scholarship matrix - Relative US Grade Point Average:

3.5 - 4.0	\$10,000.00 per year/5,000 per semester
3.49 - 3.0	\$7,500.00
2.5 - 2.99	\$5,000.00

More information can be found at the IIE Funding for US Study website:

www.fundingusstudy.org/SearchResult.asp?state=TX

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-SUPERIOR - \$7,500 TUITION AWARD PROGRAM

Greetings from the University of Wisconsin-Superior!

Undergraduate Financial Assistance: University of Wisconsin-Superior Tuition Award Program (TAP)

UW-Superior's Tuition Award Program (TAP) aims to foster a campus community that is culturally diverse and academically strong. In 2008-09, more than 90% of admitted undergraduate international students qualified for a TAP award.

Award amount: \$5,500 to \$7,500 per year (Average award for 2008-09: \$6,720)

Non-resident Tuition & Fees in 2008-09: \$14,135

Available for: Freshmen and transfer students

Deadline: Priority fall semester deadline: May 1; Final fall semester deadline: July 1; Spring semester deadline: November 1

International Admissions Website: www.uwsuper.edu/oip/intl_pros/index.cfm

Majors Offered: www.uwsuper.edu/admissions/freshmen/academics/majors/

Duration: Awards renewable for a maximum of eight semesters. Students may petition to receive additional semesters. Awards for transfer students adjusted accordingly.

TAP Grants (\$5,500/year) are generally awarded to students who:

- submit all necessary application materials for a full-time undergraduate degree program;
- are academically admissible to UW-Superior;
- submit a TAP application form, and

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- demonstrate sufficient financial support for the remaining expenses.

Global TAP Scholarships (\$2,000/year) are awarded, in addition to the TAP Grant, to students who demonstrate particularly strong academic achievement.

Note that for Global TAP Scholarships:

- academic merit is the primary basis for the award, but financial need and campus diversity may be taken into consideration;
- special consideration is given for achievement demonstrated through scores from the SAT, ACT, International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program or internationally-administered A-Level exams;
- athletic ability is not a criterion, but other forms of school or community involvement are considered;
- a personal statement and/or letters of recommendation are encouraged;
- all students who meet the criteria for the TAP Grant are automatically given consideration for a Global TAP Scholarship.

Website: www.uwsuper.edu/oip/

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA - WHAT'S NEW AT UNO:

Greetings from Omaha, Nebraska!

What's new at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO):

New Degree Program in Information Assurance

UNO's College of Information Science and Technology is now one of a handful of universities in the United States that offer an undergraduate major in Information Assurance. The University of Nebraska at Omaha has been named a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the U.S. Government.

Information Assurance (IA) is the practice of managing information-related risks. IA professionals strive to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data and their delivery systems in order to mitigate risk in the global IT infrastructure.

If you have any students who might be interested in Information Assurance, please do not hesitate to put them in contact with us. We would be happy to provide them with more information and help them apply.

Please click here for more information about this new degree program!

<http://nucia.ist.unomaha.edu/index.php>

UNO offers scholarships to qualified international candidates

<http://world.unomaha.edu/index.php?page=admissions&subpage=admissionprocedure&content=applicationprocess>

Please let us know how we can help you and the students you serve!

Sincerely,

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II. News you can use

OPEN ACCESS - MIT MAKES RESEARCH AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

Open access usually refers to:

Open access (publishing), access to material via the Internet in such a way that the material is free for all users to read and use.

MIT Makes Research Available on the Web, Passed by the Faculty, March 18, 2009

By Dennis Carter

Esteemed school joins others in advocating open access to research as the price of journals rises.

The Faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is committed to disseminating the fruits of its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In keeping with that commitment, the Faculty granted permission to their host institution to make available his or her scholarly articles and to exercise the copyright in those articles for the purpose of open dissemination. MIT joins about 30 universities and colleges--including Harvard, Stanford, and Boston universities--that have approved some form of open-access model.

"It just seems obvious to me that the way you support the progress of scholarship is that you make your works available as widely as possible," said Abelson, an MIT faculty member since 1969.

The Provost's Office will make the scholarly article available to the public in an open- access repository. Under the new open access model, potentially thousands of papers published by MIT faculty each year will be added to DSpace and made freely available on the web and accessible through search engines such as **Google**.

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WIN THE FINANCIAL AID GAME - A LOOK AT SKIDMORE AND BATES

The Financial Aid Game (Skidmore)

By Laura Fitzpatrick / Saratoga Springs

Excerpt: Skidmore has boosted its financial-aid budget 8% this year by trimming travel, faculty raises, renovation plans and commencement festivities. While the cost of attending the college rose \$2,000 this year, the **average aid award increased \$2,300**. Skidmore, like many of its peer schools, allocates funding for superstars with financial need, a practice known as "preferential packaging." The most desirable students--the ones who blew the lid off the SAT, for instance, or those who will be the first in their family to go to college--get a nice surprise in their aid awards: **fewer loans, more grants**.



Skidmore admissions officers and faculty pick winners of a grant for talented science and math students.
Ben Stechschulte

The admissions officers are scanning for high scores and hotshot extracurricular activities, but they're also on alert for interest in Skidmore and evidence that a student will thrive in college.

"Just like an airplane," explains Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). "No two people going from point A to point B paid the same price for the ticket."

www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1887867,00.html.
www.skidmore.edu

Multicultural Applicants Reach Record High (Bates)

By, Simone Pathe, Bates College's Newspaper

Published: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Excerpt: "The quality of the applicant pool is as strong as I've seen it. We could fill another whole class just with students that we would love to admit but that we can't," Dean of Admissions Wylie Mitchell said. The competition continues within the selected pool.

When evaluating applications this year, the Bates College selection committee has put particular weight on **quality of writing**. Although the writing sample has always been one of the most important components of the application, the staff has had several discussions about the importance of writing in academics at Bates and what strong writing reveals about applicants.

Likewise, the **quality of recommendations** is taken as a "very significant indicator of potential for Bates work," Mitchell explained.

The **interview** is often the tip that pushes applicants to one side or the other of the fence. Because the interview "brings the application to life," Admissions makes it clear to prospective students that not interviewing may put them at a disadvantage.

Intended majors indicated on applications are not used in the selection process in the way that many larger colleges or universities might use it to balance disciplines or build a particular department.

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